



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RONALD L. PETTYJOHN, ET AL.)
Serial No. 10/056,609)
Filed: January 24, 2002) OPERATION OF A MULTIPLICITY
Art Unit: 2151) OF TIME SORTED QUEUES WITH
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows.